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A Caged Chincilla Hopped-up on Pixie-Sticks: *An Interview with Andy Konigsmark*

Interview by Ben Cassil

Andy Konigsmark is kind of a big deal. He was, to my knowledge, the first Fuller student to be on *American Gladiators*. About time. After watching Andy's storied quest for the ultimate prize of Gladiator-dom, I felt compelled to learn the inside story.

So I sat down with Andy (figuratively, with the help of email) and grilled him with the tough questions that America is dying to ask.

Ben: *Were you a fan of the original American Gladiators series?*

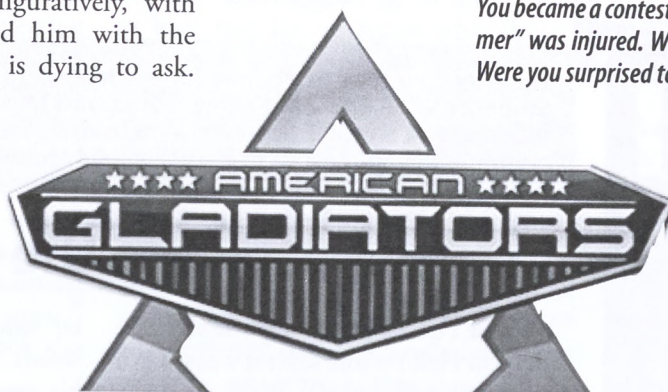
Andy: Growing up, the show was on the USA Network and we did not have cable TV, so I rarely saw the show. What I am saying is that it was hard for me to be a fan... without cable. I do remember the theme song and playing the video game on Nintendo, but most of my knowledge comes from current pop culture.

What made you decide that you wanted to audition for the new show?

My sister wanted me to audition for *Last Comic Standing* and I went on the NBC website to find out I had missed the audition, but there was a Gladiator audition the next day in Venice Beach.

Was the audition process difficult?

The hard part was that Lindsey Marcus (current Fuller student) and myself waited several hours to audition. When we finally got up to audition we were hungry and dehydrated. Thankfully, I had been training for a marathon so my endurance had been built up, but I was still winded after we ran sprints.



You became a contestant after Adam Levin "the Hebrew Hammer" was injured. What was it like waiting as an alternate? Were you surprised to be able to compete?

I knew before the show started filming I was going to be an alternate. At first I told NBC I did not want to be an alternate, because I did not want to capitalize on somebody else's injury. They then informed that I did not have an option that I had signed a contract before I knew I was an alternate. I was definitely surprised to compete. I was actually out snowboarding the day Adam was hurt. I did not even have time to think about what happened... next thing I knew I was competing on Joust.

During your competition, I laughed out loud to some of your responses to Hulk Hogan and Laila Ali's odd questions. What was the weirdest thing they asked you, and how did you respond?

They cut a lot of my funny responses. They didn't ask me anything real weird, but they were upset when I said that I would give half of the prize money to Adam. They also cut out the funny line when I said I was "like a caged chincilla all hopped on pixie sticks."



Photo: Andy competing in the Assault event.

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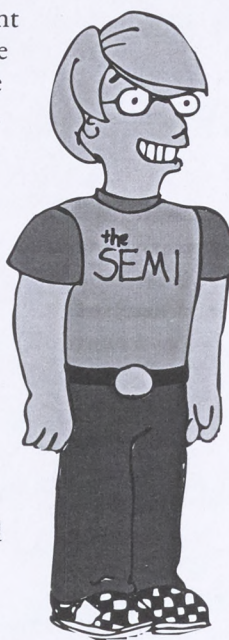
It is probably exceedingly obvious from the content of this issue that I love game shows. So, for the sake of irreverent list-making, I will throw around some superlatives and rank the game shows of our lives.

Best Kid's Game Shows

1. *Double Dare*. I'll take that physical challenge!
2. *Legends of the Hidden Temple*. Who doesn't want to win a week at space camp? Oh right, the cool kids.
3. *Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?* I didn't so much want to be on the show as I wanted to sing with Rockapella.

Hardest Game Shows

1. *Jeopardy!* How can it be so hard when they give you the answers?
2. *Win Ben Stein's Money*. You have to compete against a boring pop-culture icon who worked for Nixon. Good luck.
3. *The Dating Game*. How do you win?



Game Shows Worth Skipping Class For

1. *The Price is Right*. Lots of people pine over Plinko, but to me it is all about that yodeling classic: Cliff Hangers.

Worst Game Shows

1. *Deal or No Deal*. Go back to *Bobby's World*, Howie. This game is like watching people draw straws for an hour. Not that I would turn down the chance to play...
2. *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* Flashing lights and suspense make questions like "how many nickels are in a US Dollar?" seem even more ridiculous.

"I can tell you that I'd rather be kissed by my dogs than by some people I've known." —Bob Barker

—Ben Cassil
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Letters to the Editor

I hope I didn't offend anyone with the article on Hell I wrote several weeks back (Dr. Bradley included). We're all lucky to be part of a seminary that encourages a free exchange of ideas in a spirit of ecumenism and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And I'm especially lucky to be able to write for the Semi given the unconventional nature of some of my views.

Having said that, Dr. Bradley's response to my article still surprised me for two reasons:

1. I didn't think anyone except my wife actually read my articles (I make her), much less take the time to respond thoughtfully to them.
2. I had worried a little before writing my article that its publishing would sound a cacophonous chord in our evangelical community here, and, well, sure it enough it did.

I'd encourage you if you haven't already to go back and read Dr. Bradley's response to the two Hell articles (mine being one of them). I won't summarize his comments here, but I'm sure

he would appreciate your reading his words. Let me just say that I appreciate his attempt at a more methodological approach to the topic as opposed to my, admittedly, touchy-feely approach in my original article—hey, don't expect much more from me at four in the morning—and I especially enjoyed his references to early church history as well as his tidbit on Andover seminary.

Obviously Dr. Bradley and I disagree on the existence of Hell or at the very least what Hell would look like, but I wonder if one way to move the conversation forward is to separate, or at least redefine, the relationship between judgment and Hell. Dr. Bradley uses the term "judgment" in his article more so than he uses the term "Hell." And, interestingly enough, so does the Bible. This is one reason among many (see my original article) I consider judgment to be a primary doctrine and Hell (or at least our current, mainstream evangelical conception of it) a secondary one.

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My True Hollywood Story

By Lindsey Marcus

My friends like to give me a hard time, because in the last four months I've been to four tapings of *Dancing with the Stars*, five of *American Gladiators*, and one of *Ellen*. I love the whole process: standing in line, people-watching, the "warm-up guys" who try to get the audience revved up with everything from dance-offs

to mini game shows, and, of course, being a part of a live studio audience. I've gotten to see J. Lo, James Blunt, and Queen Latifah perform and sat across the room from the Spice Girls and Donny Osmond. In my defense, I come by my love of on-air competition honestly. My parents, aunt, uncle, cousin, great-grandma, close family friend, and my college roommate's mom have all participated in game shows over the years. I think it's my time...I'm just saying.

Back in the 80's, my parents, aunt, uncle, and cousin were contestants on *Family Feud*. Richard Dawson, the host at the time, was notorious for always greeting the ladies with a kiss on the cheek. He was quite the charmer. Before going out on the stage, the families were given instructions along these lines. "Now one of the answers on the board might be something that's a little embarrassing to say, like sex, and you need to just go ahead and say it. Even if your grandma's sitting in the audience, you just need to say it." Prepped and ready to go, they took the

grade students from the Christian school where she taught would be tuning in to watch. She turned to my mom once they were in the huddle: "Charlotte, I cannot go back out there. I am not going back out there!" My mom calmed her down, and they went on to lose the game, but the laughs our family has gotten from that story made it more than worthwhile.

At the age of 93, my great-grandmother was a contestant on *The Price is Right*. At the time, she was the oldest contestant the show had ever had. She was hard of hearing, so she had to have Bob Barker repeat what the other bids had been each time. He could not have been sweeter. He'd stand closer to her and make sure she could hear everything. She did not take home any of the big prizes that day, but I think she enjoyed the consolation vacuum cleaner more than she would a new bedroom set or an exotic vacation.

Another favorite game show story of mine is that of our close family friend Jon Jones, who was a contestant on *Wheel of Fortune*. I'll never forget watching him make it to the final round. With the clock winding down fast, he shouted out (in the strongest Oklahoman accent you can imagine): "It's a, it's a, it's a GOLF CART!" We were going nuts watching it. He walked off with \$25,000 and a Mazda Miata convertible. And now, of course, he's teaching in Las Vegas.

This last tale is not technically a game show story, but I think it's close enough to count. Before coming to Fuller, I worked in Advancement for Wheaton College in the Chicago suburbs. Two of my close friends from work got tickets to be in the audience of *The Oprah Show* and invited the head of their department along. The staff of the show gave everyone a small white box and said that someone in the audience had a key in theirs, but when they opened them up, they all had keys. It was the show where all 276 of the audience members

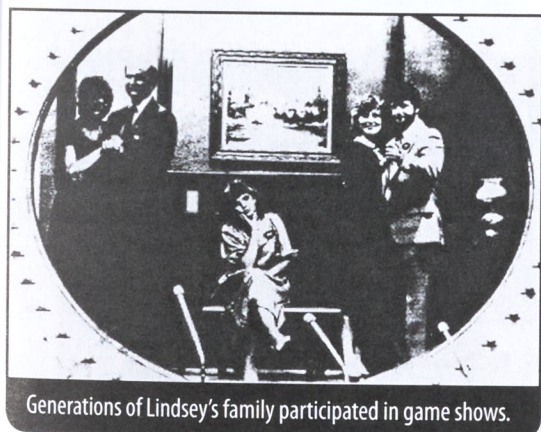
got brand new Pontiac G-6's. Now I'm not going to lie. I was a teensy bit jealous. At the time, I was driving a car that



Lindsey's family on *Family Feud*.

leaked copious amounts of oil and that G-6 is a nice-looking automobile. But mostly, I got caught up in the excitement of watching them drive up in style to campus.

I love game shows. I love that even if the audience has been coached to clap and the contestants have been told how to react, there are still the moments you can't predict. Whether you win or lose, you know you're in for quite the ride. I love the excuse to express enthusiasm with abandon and be a part of a group of strangers doing the same. And if you are new to the Los Angeles area or even if you're not, I highly recommend the game show experience for a taste of the fun that Hollywood can offer! **S**



Generations of Lindsey's family participated in game shows.

stage. When my aunt went up for her turn, the question was "Name an activity that causes you to stop and catch your breath." She rang the buzzer and blurted: "Sex!" Richard Dawson didn't miss a beat and said, "Your husband's a lucky man." With a beet red face, my aunt went back to her team absolutely mortified. Not only was her sweet and very conservative mother in the audience but her third

Lindsey graduates with an MDiv in cross-cultural studies in June, and will do a triathlon at Disneyland with seven women in her family in celebration.



Come on Down! Drew Carey and the Cost of Redemption

Theological Reflection by Dave Cameron

"David Cameron, come on down!" After hearing Rich Fields the announcer for *The Price is Right* say my name (twice actually, because no one could hear him the first time!), I fell out of my seat in utter disbelief,

and I ran down to contestant's row, high fiving everyone around me while still feeling a little numb to the fact that my name was called.

Soon after winning a couple of inflatable rafts, a Panasonic 50 inch plasma TV, and spinning the big wheel on stage with Drew Carey, I was ultimately reminded of what *The Price is Right* really means. Sure, *The Price is Right* is a daily TV show that comes on the air everyday where we watch comedian Drew Carey give away countless prizes and gifts ranging from automobiles to televisions, trips and cash. And amidst the throngs of raging, hyper, crazy pumped up fans; there's really more to the name of this television show than we realize.

Ultimately, the price is right in that we can receive something much greater by the grace of God through his Son Jesus Christ who offers us a free gift, a prize, not something that we can sit down and drive, or plug into the wall, but the prize of receiving salvation through the shed blood that Christ paid on the cross for our sins. This in fact, is truly the ultimate prize that God gives to us through



Drew Carey, host of *The Price is Right*

his Son Jesus Christ that is worth winning and telling the world, "Look what I received!"

Jesus Christ freely paid the ultimate cost for our sins by dying on the cross for

our sins so that we can now spend eternity not with a famous comedian, but with a much more amazing, mighty, loving, holy, powerful, forgiving, and caring Father who offers us a gift that will never spoil or fade, kept in heaven for you and me. God looked upon all humanity, and lovingly must have thought to himself that the price is right for sending his One and only perfect Son who was without stain or blemish, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, to die on the cross for the sins of you and me and all people from every nation so that one day, we will stand in glory with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who alone is the most perfect gift that we could ever receive. God our heavenly Father is saying to you too, "Come on down!" and receive this free gift of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, thanks be to God! **S**

Dave Cameron is in his third year of the MDiv program. He recently sold his plasma TV, and if you are interested in buying some rafts, let him know!



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Something for Nothing?

Reflection by Mark Baker-Wright

Game shows are in my blood. Before I was even one year old, my grandmother was a five-time undefeated champion on a show called *Split Second*

and won a car (the fact that she has never had a driver's license is a wonderful irony to this day!). Ever since then, game shows have been a source of enjoyment for me and my family.

I not only enjoy watching them, but make sure to have a home version of a game show (or, more likely, several) handy whenever I visit my grandmother and that side of the family, and we all get to play together.

Not everyone in my family enjoys game shows, though. My dad, a rather practically-minded person, has always been somewhat offended by the idea of getting something for nothing (never mind the trivia questions you have to answer, or the obstacles you must traverse, or the other contestants you must defeat

in order to win a prize). My dad's concern is understandable, but I actually turned that argument on its ear when I was asked to handle devotions for a youth mission trip a number of years ago. Bringing a collection of game show home games with me on the trip, I "hosted" a different game show each night, offering minor prizes to the youth who won each game, and "lovely parting gifts" to the rest who participated. From there, we discussed the letters of the Apostle Paul, and what the idea of "grace" was all about. The idea of God's grace as "something for nothing" preaches rather well, but the devotions also tied in to the fact that we were on a mission trip. "Works" were a part of the package, too, and we were



able to enjoy discussion of how "grace" and "works" interplay with each other.

Since coming to California for seminary, I've tried out for over a half-dozen different game shows over about a dozen different occasions, the most recent having been just a couple of months ago. Contrary to the impression you might be given by the fact that this issue of the SEMI features several students who have been on several recent shows, getting on a game show is no easy prospect. I still haven't made it myself. But I'm willing to bet that even those who have been able to play for big money and prizes would agree that, although they may well have won more than they could have gotten on their day jobs, they had to work for their winnings. Yet, still, just like God's grace, there is a sense in which game show winnings "break the rules" in terms of what you can get for the amount of work done. There's a little bit of a "chicken-and-egg" scenario here. People can argue that one thing precedes the other, but an argument could just as easily be made the other way around, too. "Grace" and "works" go hand in hand, and we may never fully understand the way in which God uses both to bring us the fullness of the Kingdom. But maybe we can have some fun (and maybe win fabulous prizes?) while we work on figuring it all out! **S**

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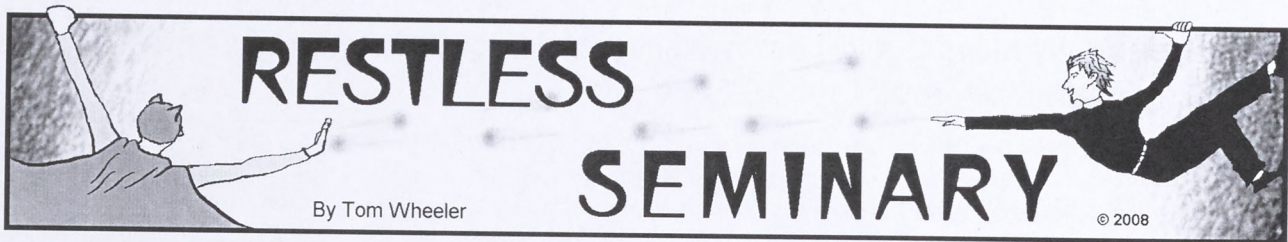
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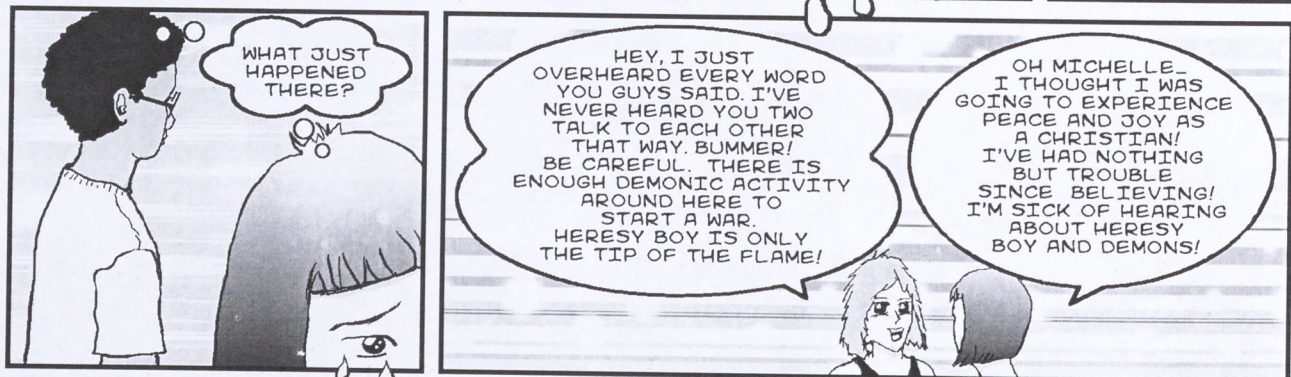
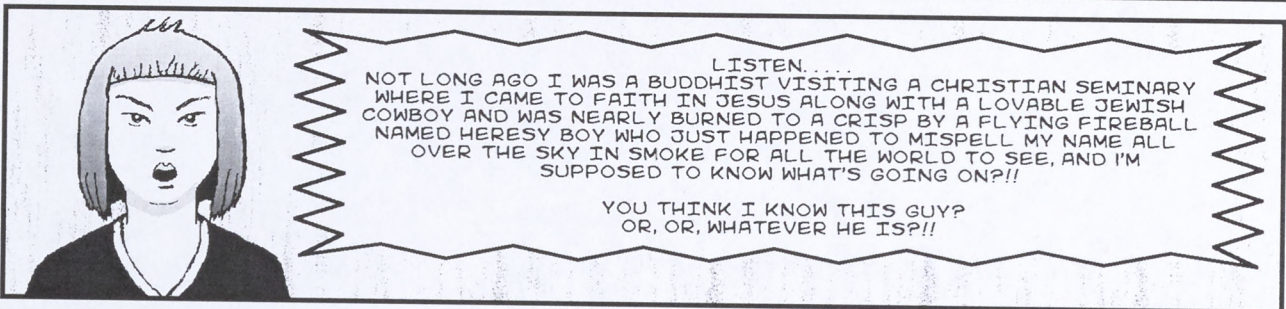
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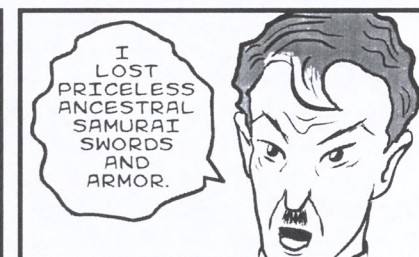
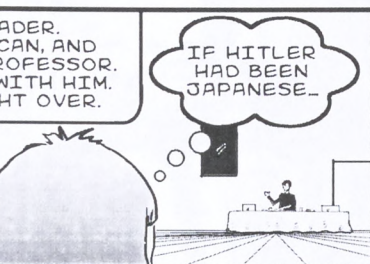
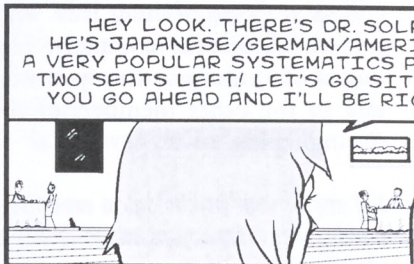
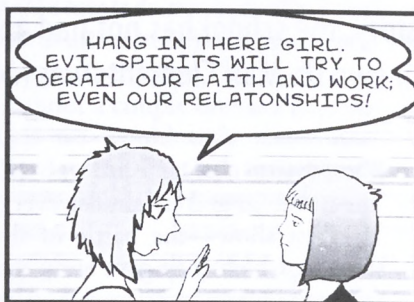
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HERESY BOY HAS IT OUT FOR JANICE, AND IS PLANNING THE DEMISE OF CAPTAIN RESTLESS.

BOB THINKS JANICE IS HOLDING OUT ON HIM. HE'S CONVINCED SHE KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HERESY BOY BUT WON'T TELL.



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One in a Hundred: An Interview with Mari Clements

Interview by Ben Cassil

Fuller does a good job avoiding organized crime. In its 60-year history, the school has not had any real ties to the mafia. So you can imagine my surprise when I found out that our own Dr. Mari Clements was recently in "the mob." I think we all deserve an explanation!

Ben: How did you end up in "the mob" on 1 vs. 100?

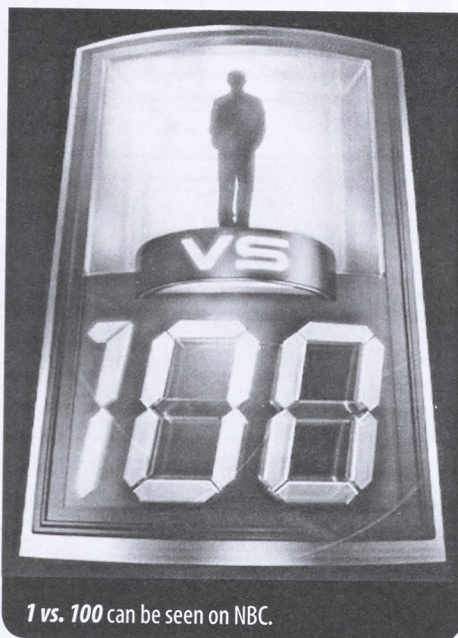
Dr. Clements: I'm kind of a game show junkie, and it's always been sort of a joke that I should try out for one. My husband and son saw the open casting call on Craig's List, and harassed me until I sent in the application. They called a bunch of us in for a very brief interview and a trivia test. If you passed the trivia test, then you played a mock game. If you did OK on the mock game, then they called you in for a longer, taped interview. I really wanted to be in the 100—the mob (not the 1)—because I thought, based on how last season's rules, that it would be easier to win money there. Unfortunately for the mob, but wonderfully for the 1, they changed the rules to make it easier for the 1.

What was the show like? Is it different than it looks on TV?

I had been warned about Bob Saget's comedy selections, but I was still really surprised. I had this view of him as the sweet widower from *Full House* (his sitcom from the late 80's – mid 90's) but he's pretty raw in his humor. As there was a good deal of down time during taping while the production crew checked to see if they had gotten what they needed, he was joking around a lot. He must have apologized to the nun who was in the mob 50 times. I think they had about three hours of tape for the one hour that the show airs.

Did you get to hang out with Bob Saget?

Not really. Bob Saget, the "1," and the celebrity guests are all kept separate from the mob. During the down time between tapings (of which there was a LOT), the mob was outside in an area with air conditioned tents, couches, chairs, and tons of food. So, I got to talk to and interact with the rest of the regular mob members, but only saw the others when we were actually taping.



Did you feel like you guessed a lot? Did any of your guesses pay off?

Not so much. I only got two questions wrong the entire time: "For which holiday do Americans buy the most cards?" and "What is the federal minimum wage?"

Is the game more difficult than it looks?

The thing that you cannot tell by watching at home is that the mob has a strictly defined 20 seconds to answer the question. Answer too quickly, and your answer is counted wrong. Answer too slowly, and your answer is counted wrong. Push the wrong button, and your answer is counted wrong. So, you can't change your answer, and you can't really think things through. So for instance, you can't think, okay, when I go shopping at my local store, when are there aisles and aisles of greeting cards out?

How did you do in the game?

Unfortunately, most of the "1" folks I was up against were pretty conservative and walked away with their winnings. So, I won \$490.20, which was nice, but seeing as how I was playing to win money for my sons' college funds, well...

Who did you sit close to?

They re-arranged us almost every show. The first show—the battle of the sexes show in which they gave away their first million—I was next to this very sweet and sassy 70-something lady who owns her own fruitcake company. However, one of the rules was that you weren't to talk to the other members of the mob during taping, so...

Did any of your psychological expertise come in handy (were there any questions about preschoolers interacting with divorced parents)?

Sadly, no.

Would you do it again?

It was a lot of fun. It was also a really big time commitment, as I was there from 7 in the morning until nearly midnight both days of taping. After all those hours of standing (the mob stands, and if you are short, like me, you have to stand on a box), it was a long day. I would do it again, but it doesn't really fit with my teaching schedule, you know? **S**

Dr. Mari Clements is an Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Clinical Psychology. You already know who Ben is. I mean, who doesn't?



Andy *Continued from page 1*

How long did it take to do an episode? Was it done in order? Hit us with some behind the scenes info.

NBC was so inefficient. We were supposed to shoot a couple events a day, but sometimes we would only shoot one. Then one day the Fire Marshall was so upset that he shut down production for the day.

One night I was all geared up to do Assault. I had been on set several hours at this point. Well at midnight they decided not to shoot the event and then woke me up the next morning at six to begin competing again.

Most days I was on set for about 14 hours.

Any funny stories from *Gladiating*?

Most of the funny stories are the lines they cut from television, but I did find out that Hulk Hogan does not like Hulk Hogan imitations.

Do you get recognized? Have you signed any autographs?

After the show first aired I have been recognized a lot more than I thought I would. Several people have asked to take photos and I have signed a few autographs. Now people just stare and I am not sure if I have a something on my shirt or they think they recognize me.

What was the hardest event? Was it also the most painful event?

Obviously the Eliminator was the hardest, but for the other events I would say the Joust was the most difficult. It is the event where I felt the gladiators had the greatest advantage, but I loved the Joust.

The most painful for me was definitely the Gauntlet. Somehow I avoided the Pyramid and Powerball.

Things like the Eliminator (the obstacle course at the end of the show) seem so easy from my couch, yet at the end people seem to inevitably have trouble with the Travelator (a steep reverse treadmill). Why do so many people fall trying to master that deadly last leg?

The Eliminator in itself is not that hard, but imagine trying to do it a full speed for two minutes. Most people are winded after a two-minute sprint and we were essentially sprinting for two minutes.

As for the Travelator, we had a practice run on it before we did the Elimina-

tor—but that thing was not that easy to get up even when I wasn't tired. We also discovered the taller and heavier you were the harder it was. Trust me, it broke my heart that I slipped at the very end.

Have you seen the new season? What do you think of the new events and the new gladiators?

Evan Dollard (last season's winner) invited me to watch the new season while it was filming and I had the opportunity to hang out with some of the new Gladiators. Believe it or not, all of the Gladiators are really nice people and a couple of them are committed Christians. As for the new events: they look fun, but remember we were the guinea pigs.

Which of the Gladiators impressed you the most?

Militia's physique is unreal, and Toa is the real deal. Not impressed with Titan. He is a nice enough guy, but he takes being a Gladiator a little too serious. Also I have a small crush on Stealth from last season, sadly she is not on the new season because she tore her ACL.

Is something psychologically wrong with Wolf?

Wolf is awesome—he really sticks to his character. We've had a couple nice chats since the show aired. He is really a nice guy underneath all that fur.

If you were a Gladiator, what would you choose as a moniker?

This is where I am broken-hearted. I did not care about the money. I really wanted to be a Gladiator, and my name would be The Saint.



Andy Konigsmark: One suave chinchilla.

How is your comedy career going?

Career is a generous term. It definitely has it swings. I've had some exciting opportunities, but so far that is all they have been—opportunities. I don't know what will happen with me and comedy, but you can always check me out at www.andykonigsmark.com.

Do you have any post-graduate plans?

I am sorting through my opportunities here in LA. I have been doing some work in the entertainment industry, (no, I am not a background extra) but I do not know if this is my calling in life. I feel called to evangelism, but I need to pay the bills. **S**

Ben wishes he was a Gladiator too. But first he would have to start working out (ugh). And do you have to bring your own spandex or do they provide it?



Student Health Insurance

If you are not planning on registering for classes for the summer '08 quarter, but would like to continue your student health insurance coverage, you must contact the Student Health Insurance office directly by June 27. After this deadline, students will be unable to attain the insurance for the summer quarter.

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Online Waiver Process

If you did not successfully complete a waiver in the Fall '07 or Winter '08 or Spring '08 quarters and wish to waive out of student health insurance for the Summer '08 quarter, you need to complete the online waiver process by June 27. Please visit www.renstudent.com/fuller to begin your waiver process. If you successfully completed a waiver in the Fall '07 or Winter '08 or Spring '08 quarters you do not need to complete the process again this academic year (Fall-Summer). All waivers must be resubmitted for the Fall '08 quarter.

Voluntary Student Dental Insurance

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Please note that while much of the class registration process occurs online, you still may be required to turn in the appropriate paperwork in order to begin or continue your health or dental insurance plan. Please ensure that you fill out all the required information on your student health/dental forms and turn them in to our office by the deadline.

Contact Information

Phone: 626.584.5438 and/or 626.584.5543

E-mail: hr-student-ins@dept.fuller.edu

Web: fuller.edu/student_health_insurance.

Commencement 2008 Information

Calendar

Announcements are now available in Bookstore!

May 27 - June 14:

Academic Regalia distributed

Wednesday, June 4:

Baccalaureate 10:00 a.m.
Reception following in the Garth

Friday, June 6:

SOT Faculty/Graduate Celebration Banquet 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 9:

Hispanic Church Studies Graduation Banquet 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 12:

SIS Doctoral Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
SIS Doctoral Hooding 4:00 p.m.
SIS Graduation Banquet 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13:

Group Photographs 9:00 a.m.
SOT Korean DMin Lunch 11:30 a.m.
SOT Korean DMin Final Projects 2:00 p.m.
SOT DMin Hooding service and reception 3:00 p.m.
SOP doctoral Hooding service 5:00 p.m.
CATS Reception and Hooding Service 5:00 p.m.
SOP Faculty/Graduate Dinner 7:00 p.m.
SOT Korean DMin Hooding service 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 14: Commencement

Doors open 8:30 a.m.
(with passes)
Graduate Lineup 8:30 a.m.
Doors open 9:30 a.m.
(no passes needed, seating very limited)
Ceremony begins 10:00 a.m.
Ceremony ends approximately 12:30 p.m.

Regalia

Academic Regalia distributed: May 27 - June 14

Rental caps, gowns and hoods are provided for Baccalaureate and Commencement at no cost. Only the rental regalia that we provide may be worn at Commencement or Baccalaureate.

No preliminary fitting or ordering is required. Regalia will be distributed to graduates in the Payton Hall lobby (by the switchboard) at the following times:

• Tuesday, May 27	11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Wednesday, May 28	11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Thursday, May 29	11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Monday, June 2	11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, June 3	11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Wednesday, June 4	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
• Thursday, June 12	11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Friday, June 13	8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Regalia will also be available at the time of lineup on Commencement Day at Lake Avenue Church for late arrivals. The regalia will be collected immediately after the Commencement ceremony. All regalia must be returned at this time. We must pack and return it immediately.

If you are a graduate who plans on attending commencement and have not received any confirmation, contact the commencement office: 626.584.5411, graduation@dept.fuller.edu.

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So here's some questions I'd like us to consider:

1. Do we need to affirm the existence of Hell in order to affirm the existence of a (final) judgment? Could we instead conceive of this judgment as leading to some type of (non-Hell) punishment?
2. If so, would it be consistent with the Biblical and Apostolic witness, church tradition, and pastoral (real-life) practice to conceive of that punishment, once served, as leading not to eternal damnation, but ultimately into the arms of a loving God?

In other words, I do believe in a final judgment, a reckoning, an accounting for what was done and left undone in this life. I believe that one day I, along with the rest of humanity, will have to answer for our personal and collective transgressions. Of this I have no doubts. But what I'm not so sure about is just what that judgment, much less its resulting punishment, will really look like.

—Joe Bautista
MAT '06

As a reader of the SEMI one of the things I've really come to appreciate are the faculty contributions to the paper. This gives us students valuable insight into our professors' minds and brings us into dialogue with them outside of class. I'm honoured to know that Dr. James Bradley read the recent issue on hell and wrote a very thoughtful response that in part addressed my own article and theology of hell. So it is with great respect that I feel a need to respond to Dr. Bradley's response on a particular item.

I take issue with a few sweeping, generalized statements Dr. Bradley wrote in his paragraph specifically addressing annihilationism. This paragraph surprised me because it did not fit the tone of his previous points—thoughts that were carefully reasoned and supported. Instead, I felt insulted at his claim that the majority of Christians "who adopted annihilationism became Arian in their Christology." This comes across as a fleeting ad hominem inflammatory statement. It's worth pointing out that my Seventh-day Adventist denomination (15

million strong, and all Trinitarian annihilationists) and in addition other scholars (such as N. T. Wright) would take umbrage at this statement. Additionally, Dr. Bradley's statement that annihilationism leans "away from evangelism and toward ministries of mercy" may be rooted in a historical reality, but he seems to write from a limited and pejorative perception of merciful outreach: healing the sick, giving sight to blind, releasing the captives, casting out demons, all to proclaim the kingdom is a combination of mercy and evangelism. Evangelism must be merciful. Much as Dr. Bradley and I believe that judgement is an essential part of Christian theology, I likewise believe that missions of mercy are at the core of effective evangelism.

These thoughts are offered in the spirit of Christian fellowship and scholarship.

—Scott Arany
MA WTA

—Esther Siu
MDiv

I am writing in response to the article "Why I Care about Exercise" written by Andy Konigsmark in the Spring 7, May 12, 2008 issue of the SEMI. I was glad that someone in the Fuller Community also finds exercising of value. In fact, to Andy it was of great value.

I am an MDiv student and I work as a circuit trainer in a women's gym. Some of my church friends challenge me with Paul's words from 1 Tim 4:8 where he said, "for physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." Paul's

reminder is still valid because our culture places so much emphasis on physical appearance. However, my focus is not body sculpting but rather helping older women who have not exercised regularly succeed in improving their health condition by engaging in an exercise program. Once they overcome the initial reluctance, and are able to consistently workout. Not only was there weight loss, but I also witnessed an increase in their alertness, energy level and their self-confidence. This empowers them because they can do something positive to improve their health condition. As an added benefit, friendships often develop over time. I believe Ministry takes many forms and shapes. I meet women who will not come to churches, but they will come to the gym. I am happy that God put me here to serve them.

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